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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A JUNE 16 NEWS CONFERENCE BY THE THAI AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, ANAN PANYARACHUN, UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM THAILAND TO THE PRC.

BEGIN TEXT.

ANAN: I AM THE OFFICIAL TO GO AND HOLD NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND UNOFFICIAL AGREEMENT, MIGHT BE REACHED BEFOREHAND. THEN, SHOULD SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT BE REACHED, THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL GO TO SIGN THE TREATY.

REPORTER: WHAT DID YOU MEAN WHEN YOU MENTIONED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE?

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ANAN: IT IS AJOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED WHEN DIPLO-

MATIC RELATIONS ARE ESTABLISHED, SUCH AS THAT ISSUED WHEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE PHILIP-PINES AND CHINA RECENTLY.

REPORTER: DOES THAT MEAN THAT AFTER YOU RETURN HERE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI WILL GO TO CHINA?

ANAN: IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE SUCCESSFUL.

REPORTER: DO YOU THINK THAT THERE WILL BE ANY PROBLEM?

ANAN: I HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE NONE. THERE MIGHT BE SOME PROBLEMS BUT I HOPE THEY COULD BE OVERCOME THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER.

REPORTER: IN ABOUT HOW MANY DAYS ARE YOU SCHEDULED TO RETURN HERE?

ANAN: NO DATE HAS BEEN FIXED YET.

REPORTER: WHEN WILL YOU ARRIVE IN PEKING?

ANAN: TOMORROW.

REPORTER: WHAT POINTS OF IMPORTANCE ARE THERE ON WHICH AGREEMENT MUST BE REACHED BEFORE ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS?

ANAN: I'M SORRY BUT I HAVE NO STATEMENT TO MAKE YET.

REPORTER: WHAT INSTRUCTIONS DID THE FOREIGN MINISTER GIVE YOU?

ANAN: HE RETURNED SATURDAY NIGHT AFTER ACCOMPANYING THE PRIME MINISTER ON OFFICIAL VISITS TO MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA. I THEREFORE MET HIM BEFORE HE LEFT IN ORDER THAT HE COULD GIVE ME DIRECTIVES REGARDING POLICY.

REPORTER: DID HE ENTRUST YOU WITH ANYTHING OFFICIALLY? UNCLASSIFIED

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ANAN: OF COURSE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER GAVE ME DIRECTIVES REGARDING POLICY.

REPORTER: A REPORT PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS SAYS THAT WE HAVE PREPARED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT IT COORDINATES WITH THAT OF CHINA.

ANAN: BOTH SIDES PREPARE DRAFTS SEPARATELY,
THEN WE HOLD NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON THE
JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED.

REPORTER: SINCE SUCH PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE, HOW MANY DAYS WILL YOU HAVE TO BE IN PEKING?

ANAN: THERE IS NO FIXED TIME, AFTER NEGOTIATIONS
HAVE BEEN HELD I WILL HAVE TO RETURN HERE FIRST IN ORDER
TO SUBMIT THE DRAFT OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE AGREED ON TO
THE GOVERNMENT FOR APPROVAL. I HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO AGREE
ON ANYTHING AT ALL. I AM GOING TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS, THEN
IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED I WILL HAVE TO RETURN AND THE FOREIGN
MINISTER WILL SUBMIT THE DRAFT OF THE JOING COMMUNIQUE
TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR APPROVAL. AFTER IT HAS BEEN
OKAYED BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL
GO TO PEKING.

REPORTER: WILL THE EXAMPLE SET BY THE PHILIPPINES
BE FOLLOWED IN ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
FOR INVITATIONS TO BE EXTENDED TO THE PRIME MINISTER
AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO GO TO PEKING?

ANAN: IN THIS CASE, I THINK THAT THAILAND WILL SEND THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO SIGN THE TREATY. ANY PERSON WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE CABINET CAN SIGN THE TREATY, BUT THE PROCEDURE OF THE CABINET CAN SIGN THE TREATY, BUT THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN GENERAL IS FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER OR THE PRIME MINISTER TO SIGN IT. WHO WILL GO WILL DEPEND ON A DECISION REACHED BY THE THAI GOVERNMENT.

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